

TRB Annual State Visit 2003

Transportation Research Board (TRB) staff visit each state Department of Transportation each year. The visits help TRB identify issues of importance to each state and to provide assistance in addressing these issues. Staff will be seeking perspectives on:

- What TRB can do for WSDOT that they are not already doing
- How the existing services of TRB that provides to WSDOT can be improved

This year, Mark Norman, Director of Technical Activities for TRB, will visit WSDOT. His visit will take place August 28 and 29.

The purpose of the visit is to gain a broad perspective of the activities of a department in all the transportation modes to help TRB provide the best service to your organization. The TRB staff seek information on:

- Perceptions of the key personnel within the department on trends, policies, emerging issues, etc.
- Problem areas -- state, regional, or national -- that need answers through research, synthesis of existing information, specialty conferences, etc.
- Completed, current, and future activities of a department
- Completed, current, and future research projects
- Detailed feedback in the particular area of specialty of the staff member making the visit

To help provide a quick overview, meetings have been scheduled by subject area. Please work with Research Project Managers to develop a concise overview of research needs, completed projects, and current activities in each subject area. In addition please be prepared to speak briefly on the items identified above. If you have questions or comments on this scheduled visit, please contact Leni Oman at 360-705-7974, OmanL@wsdot.wa.gov.

Schedule

August 28, 2003

- 8:30-10:00 Leni Oman & Research Office staff
Overview of WSDOT Program and research needs. Current interactions with TRB.
- 10:15-10:45 Rick Smith, Don Nelson, Brian Ziegler, Don Wagner, Don Senn:
General discussion on agency needs and connections to TRB
- 11:00-12:00 TRB Presentation
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Traffic Operations: Charlie Howard, Ashley Probart, Toby Rickman, Doug Brodin
- 2:15- 3:15 Freight Operations: Ashley Probart, Gloria Skinner, Todd Carlson, Jerry Lenzi, Doug Brodin
- 3:30-4:30 Materials & Construction: Tom Baker, Linda Pierce, Tony Allen, Kevin Dayton, Keith Anderson
- Evening Dinner with members of the Research Executive Committee

August 29, 2003

- 8:00-8:45 Developing Research Programs: Security, Maintenance, and Financing: Brian Ziegler, Terry Simmonds, Chris Christopher, Doug Brodin
- 9:00-10:00 Doug MacDonald, John Conrad, Paula Hammond
- 10:15-11:15 Environmental Management: Shari Schafflein, Paul Wagner, Ken Stone, Jim Toohey
- 11:30-12:15 Planes, Trains, Ferries, and Trails: Kirk Fredrickson, Ray Deardorf, Russ East, Julie Matlick, Cathy Silins, Teresa Smith, Tom Hanson
- 12:15-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 Design and Safety: Harold Peterfeso, John Milton, Matt Witecki, Dave Olson, Jim Toohey, Jerry Weigel, Keith Anderson
- 2:45-3:30 Wrap Up: Leni Oman, Rick Smith, John Conrad